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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting Regarding Format and Content of the Operational Programs of the Clandestine Services

1. The meeting was held in Colonel White's office this date, and was attended by Colonel White and Messrs. Lloyd, Saunders, [REDACTED]

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2. [REDACTED] gave approximately a forty minute briefing on a proposed manner of presenting operational programs for consideration by the PRC. During the course of this briefing it was brought out that the objectives and tasks were now organized by action priorities which would provide the PRC with a means of identifying those parts of the program which could most readily be eliminated in the event a reduction of the program was required.

3. It was also brought out that under the system which has been developed, the working level of the support elements is brought into the planning picture six to nine months earlier than they have been in the past, providing a period in which they can begin preparations for meeting requirements which will be levied at the time the program under development becomes operative.

4. It was also brought out that a covering memorandum would be submitted which would provide significant detail information concerning individual projects which were continuing and which deviated substantially upwards or downwards from the basis on which they were originally approved by the PRC.

5. Colonel White indicated, near the conclusion of the meeting, that he was basically in agreement with this approach. However, there were three points which he felt must be present in any acceptable procedure:

a. The PRC must receive sufficient detail to permit it to discharge the responsibilities presently assigned by the Director;

b. The support elements must be brought into the planning cycle sufficiently early so that they may properly plan to discharge their responsibilities; and

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c. An attempt be made to work out a breakdown by types of activities involved which will pull out of "overhead" those items which can properly be scheduled in an operational category.

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6. [REDACTED], in recapping, indicated that:

a. The presentation to the PRC would contain enough detail to meet the first requirement above, and that no changes would be necessary in any of the Regulations dealing with PRC except Regulation No. [REDACTED]

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b. The support elements were being brought actively into the planning cycle in a sufficient time to permit them to effectively discharge their responsibilities; and

c. Members of the PPC Staff would work with the Comptroller in attempting to develop a means of more effectively identifying operational activities for use in budget presentations and related financial matters.

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7. [REDACTED] indicated that he had discussed this proposition generally with the DDCI, who would have no objection to changing such Regulations as were necessary to accomplish a change on which there was agreement. [REDACTED] will be briefed next week.

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